

REMARKS

Claims 3-4 are pending. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejections.

The Office Action states that SEQ ID NO:6 is in condition for allowance. However the Action states that Claims 3 and 4 are objected to as containing non-elected subject matter.

The restriction requirement has been maintained, and in addition the Examiner has stated that oligonucleotides complementary to the 3' or 5' untranslated region of an ILK gene are patentably distinct from the coding sequence of the ILK gene.

Applicants respectfully request review of the Restriction Requirement, and attach a petition herewith for such review.

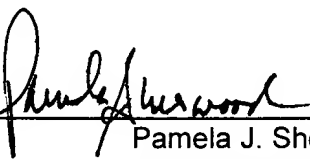
CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that all of the claims are now in condition for allowance, which action is requested. If the Examiner finds that a Telephone Conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, she is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.6 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0815, order number KINE-001CIP4.

Respectfully submitted,

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